



**CITY OF URBANA
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY
COMMISSION MEETING**

DATE: Tuesday, April 15, 2025
TIME: 7:00 PM
PLACE: 400 South Vine Street, Urbana, IL 61801

MINUTES

Members Present: Annie Adams, Tommy Griscom, Bruce Michelson, Sarthak Prasad, Nancy Westcott, Carmen Franks

Others Present: members of the public

Members Absent: Susan Jones, Qiushi Hang, Audrey Ishii, Keenan Portis

A. Call to Order and Roll Call

Annie Adams called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Roll was taken. A quorum of members was present.

B. Changes to the Agenda

Carmen Franks suggested adding going over goals to New Business. Bruce Michelson motioned to approve adding going over goals to New Business, Tommy Griscom seconded. Motion approved with a unanimous voice vote.

Carmen also suggested to add changing the frequency of meetings to the agenda. After a short discussion, it was decided to add this as a future topic.

C. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

none

D. Public Input & Commissioner Communications

none

E. Unfinished Business

none

F. Reports of City Officials and Staff and Reports of Committees

Bruce Michelson said that the sub-committee of Sarthak Prasad & himself for E-Bikes met with Marcus Ricci yesterday. The city has no contract with Veo currently. The City of Urbana should align with the other entities (UI, Champaign Park District, Urbana Park District, Forest Preserve, & City of Champaign) and negotiate our own deal. Byrd has stopped operations in Champaign & is no longer in our area, leaving Veo the only provider. The next step for the sub-committee is to share pointers of the contract, as they cannot share the whole contract. They aren't sure who at the city has to sign off on the contract. They are meeting again with Marcus to start the contract.

Carmen Franks gave the following updates on City projects and committees.

1. Florida Avenue Shared Use Path – Plans are 90% complete. It cleared the State Historic Preservation Office with no potential impact. Construction is planned for 2026.

2. Bakers Lane Shared Use Path – Plans are 90% complete. Construction to begin in early Fall and completed in 2026.
3. CDBG Sidewalk Improvements – This was completed in March with the exception of some turf restoration.
4. EQL Streetlights FY22 – Construction is underway, light poles could begin to be installed this week.
5. EQL FY25 Program – Council approved the program, and Engineering is proceeding with the design.
6. Lincoln Avenue Corridor Study – The concept plan is being revised. There will be a public input phase after the revisions are done.
7. Lincoln Avenue (Wascher to Killarney) – Additional information was received after the last BPAC meeting that questions if the SS4A grant money is secure. Concept plans are in design, though. Bid for construction in FY28 is still planned to go out.
8. Traffic Signal Improvements – Still planning to update outdated audio devices.
9. Sidewalk Improvements – Engineering has unspent money for this Fiscal Year and are finding locations for about 800 ft of sidewalk replacement. This will be outside of the CDBG improvement areas.
10. The draft Capital Improvement Plan for FY26-FY30 is online. The public comment period is open until May 7, 2025.

G. New Business

1. **Absence of “No Turn on Red” at Main & Vine all directions, Illinois & Vine, Race & Main**
 Bruce Michelson shared a presentation regarding busy intersections at Race Street northbound at Main, Main Street & Vine Street eastbound, and Illinois & Vine eastbound and the lack of “No Turn on Red” signage.
 Carmen mentioned that the Illinois & Vine intersection is under design for a project, which could change some of the dynamics of that intersection.
2. **Draft Capital Improvement Plan Overview/Highlights**
 Annie Adams shared that Tim Cowan (Public Works Director) & John Zeman (City Engineer) gave a presentation on April 7th on the CIP (Capital Improvement Plan) for FY26. Three points that Annie pointed out were the Executive Summary, Asset Management, and Project Highlights. Some other points that were brought up were:
 - The Local MFT has brought in an extra \$1 million.
 - The City is looking into trying HP Slurry coat in place of oil & chip on some roads.
 - There is a \$10 million backlog in Public Works projects.
 - The highest percentages of the Infrastructure Asset Valuation include:
 - 41% pavement
 - 23% Stormwater
 - 13% Sanitary Sewers
3. **BPAC Goals** (added during Changes to the Agenda)
 FY24 goals are ongoing. Tommy suggested breaking out big goals to smaller sections, narrow focus, and the possibility of sub-committees for larger goals. A big goal for BPAC is getting a 25 MPH speed limit on residential roads.
 BPAC needs to think about their FY25 & FY26 goals. Three categories that the goals could fall under are:
 1. Promotion of Infrastructure & Support
 2. Initiatives to Promote Pedestrian & Bicycle Safety
 3. Support for City Initiatives.

H. Announcements

Sarthak Prasad announced the following:

- MTD has partnered with an app called “Transit”. This gives real time MTD data and has added Veo Bikes on the app. This also works with other cities.
- Bike for Earth Day Event on UI campus from 3 p.m. – 7 p.m. on April 22, 2025.
- Bike Census Event on UI campus on April 29, 2025.

Annie Adams announced the Illinois Bike Summit is on May 7 & May 8, 2025, in Springfield.

Tommy Griscom said that there is a bill at the state level to legalize ADU’s (Accessory Dwelling Units).

I. Future Topics

1. BPAC Goals, sub-committees, and how often they should meet
2. Discussion on Bruce’s “No Turn on Red” presentation
3. Summary of Illinois Bike Summit (Annie)
4. Commission vacancies
5. Changing frequency of meetings (Carmen)

J. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.